

GLEAR ROTHSTEIN OF HELPING TO FIX BASEBALL SERIES

New York Gambler and Joe Gedeon Tell of Plot, Asserting Innocence of Complicity.

CHICAGO, Oct. 27.—Arnold Rothstein has been absolved by the special Grand Jury from guilt in the matter of fixing the world's baseball series in 1919. He appeared and told his story to the jury, and also did Joe Gedeon, second baseman for the St. Louis American League team. Gedeon, it is said, will not be indicted, although it was shown that he was present at the meetings here when an effort was made to raise a \$50,000 purse for the White Sox players. Rothstein denied all part in the plot to fix baseball games.

Another result of the deliberations of the jury is that an attempt will be made to fetch Alvin Karpis back from Canada to answer indictments charging him with attempting to bribe baseball players to throw certain games with Cincinnati.

W. C. Redmond of East St. Louis, who is here, asserts that he told

Comiskey of the fact that his men had sold him out. He said: "I am not a gambler. I operate the Majestic Theatre in East St. Louis, and while I bet a little occasionally I have never been a professional gambler. The story I told the Grand Jury I told to Mr. Comiskey, Alfred Austin, his counsel, and Harry Grabner, his secretary, a year ago.

"I was induced to come to Chicago then by Clyde Elliott, and the Ascher boys, who are here in the moving picture business. I had only a hearing story but Joseph P. Walsh came with me, had the 'guy' direct. Sam Paas, another friend of Comiskey, pleaded with me to come here.

"While we were in Mr. Austin's office with Comiskey and Grabner we all compared notes regarding the players under suspicion. Posh's list of eight suspected players tallied exactly with the list Austin and Comiskey had.

"On the day we met Comiskey I said to him: 'Mr. Comiskey, Mr. Walsh and I have come up here only because our friends, Clyde Elliott, Sam Paas and the Ascher boys have insisted that we come. They have let us alone since the series. We don't want the reward of \$10,000 which you are offering for proof that the World's Series game was thrown and we don't want anything else. We insist on paying our own expenses.'

"However, Mr. Comiskey afterward sent us an amount equal to our expenses for the trip.

"In the Morrison Hotel I met a young fellow from the brokerage office of Benette & Co. who said that firm had \$10,000 to bet on the White Sox. I took \$7,000, but people I knew wanted so much of it that I had off all but \$1,000. Kerr won the game and we were all slaughtered.

"That night there was a meeting of the wounded at the Hotel Sherman. There were present Joe Gedeon, Alvin Karpis, Bill Burns, Joe Posh, C. T. Zerk, Benjamin Franklin and myself. Attell and Burns wanted us to contribute \$250 each to the White Sox. I refused. It was explained that Kerr was so good he could have won the game with two fielders. I wanted a double cross, but was assured Cincinnati would win the series. I left and bet enough on the series to make me a small winner.

Joe Gedeon testified that he won \$700 on the World's Series by betting on the Cincinnati team. He received the

from a White Sox player whom he did not name. His close friend Fred McMullin is believed to be the man. Gedeon told some of his friends to bet on Cincinnati, but did not tell them where the information came from.

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